

The bill, itself, basically what it does is conform Nebraska with federal standards in surrounding states regulation on raising, in captivity, birds of prey and sets up a fee schedule, and who can do it and who cannot do it. It is a relatively simple bill. It involves very few people. I ask for its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when somebody speaks on an issue, such as this, in the way that I speak on it it will probably seem that I am speaking in jest. But I have to ask Senator...

PRESIDENT: Pappas.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Pappas a question if I may. I blanked out altogether. (Laughter.) Senator Pappas, is there any definition in the bill, or any indication of which types of birds would qualify for being possessed under the terms of this bill?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Raptors are birds of prey and they are basically falcons. Presently you can have falcons now in the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, here is what I'm getting to, there are other raptors other than falcons, aren't there?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, but basically what it does, too, is adopt the federal guidelines and the federal ones. You know there are some that are protected, that you cannot have, they are on the endangered, protected list.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you give me another...tell me another bird that is a raptor other than a falcon. Would an eagle?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Hawk.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would an owl?

SENATOR PAPPAS: No, they are protected.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would it be a raptor?

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes.